I. What aspect of the project are you most excited about?

- new library - lots of tech, information age - access to information
- alleviate parking hassles for downtown, based on upcoming development
- parking, easy book drop/grab
- green initiatives, bike parking
- nice urban area with public space downstairs
- place for kids to study, safe places
- parking will support tourist revenue among other things - including climate mitigation
- affordable housing
- new library, used old one since mid 70s
- local history genealogy space/collection
- new library, happy housing is affordable
- vibrant community space
- enhanced library services
- meeting space for genealogy

II. What types of events would you like the library to hold?

genealogy events & monthly meetings, community workshops

meeting rooms for up to 15 people min

event on how to do research

a place to hold events for 50-75 people

need parking to support meeting spaces

standard for film & multi-media support - good AV

events to fight disinformation

language and computer use classes

public film showing

small spaces for teens

events for visually impaired

good daylight & access to outside air

rentable meeting space - instead of coffee shop

zoom room, or area with some privacy

eye care

free meeting spaces for community

mix of meeting room size

author visits

III. What is one feature that would make you more likely to use the library?

secure bike parking

beautiful space with lots of trees and not in parking lot

LEED certified, solar panels, no gas, low water

don't want it to look like a homeless daycare center

like felton library outside space - very calming

a beautiful outside space

The GSSCC in Santa Cruz has materials not found anywhere else. We provide hands on volunteer services to allow people to research family, local history or even history on their locales.

safe for pedestrians - concerned about cars in conflict

would be more likely to use the existing library

safety inside - for teens and kids to study

current beautiful heritage trees be focal point with seating below

bottle filler outside

tall windows

IV. What words would you use to describe the current downtown library?

old, cold, cold warish, austere

not enough books

more potential as renovation, greenery around

antiquated broken plumbing

part of civic heart

beautiful historic building that needs renovation, new plumbing + internet

smelly, horrible bathroom

not seismically safe

renovation required reducing footprint

beautiful large trees + out door seating

where you raised your children

not great

like current site, renovation option was lovely

historical, sense of place for multi-generations,

computer seating a little cramped

real estate can be better utilized for something else

V. How would you describe an inviting area to read in the library?

natural light, good light, read in peace and quiet but also collaborate

good sightline for parent supervision

adjustable chairs that can be kept clean

separate teen and children's areas, different groups browse separately

comfortable chairs, not hard, nice back, arms

fresh air

lots of bright natural light

chairs with arms for seniors and those with limited mobility

clean space, cleanable

private nooks

VI. What is your process for selecting a book at the library?

electronic catalog, more browsing through stacks

order online from home, like looking at magazines, no access otherwise

book reviews, club lists, recommendations from friends

online catalog

Browsing stacks. Helpers for those who are not familiar or comfortable using technology to find books. DVD and magazines.

VII. What values should a civic building represent in the 21st Century? In Santa Cruz?

access to all

YOUR EXPERTISE

Q & A

most concerned about climate implications of garage

concerned about destroying large trees

Can parking be below, with library as a couple levels up high or on top levels - like the brain crowns the body?

will there be a library shuttle from/to low income housing & book mobile?

large print books

would like current beautiful heritage trees to be an outdoor focal point with seating areas below them. They will do more for climate than new small trees. Outdoor plaza with these trees, and building surround that in an semi-circle.

Would like to see lots of tall windows with lots of natural light. Water dispenser for water bottles in plaza. Secluded nooks for reading, comfort chairs for seniors.

for commercial prefer family friendly, rather than drinking establishment - coffee/tea house?